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The Honorable Mark Kirk  
United States Senate  
387 Russell Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Kirk:

This morning, I assumed command as the 18th Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). I am excited about leading this agency and am personally committed to fostering an environment of transparency and open communication with our workforce, our customers, and particularly with Congress. I look forward to working with you in this regard. My intent is that DIA continues to earn your trust as a partner and provider of intelligence and unique insights on foreign military capabilities and intentions to inform your legislative activities.

DIA is the only Intelligence Community member that has "defense" in its name, and in an era of persistent conflict, all of the men and women of DIA recognize that at any time we can be called upon to act on behalf of this country. To that end, our priorities will be: establishing the Defense Clandestine Service; focusing on the health of our workforce through recruitment, retention, and professional development; and strengthening our defense intelligence analysis in support of our warfighters and our Nation. I very much look forward to partnering with you over the coming years to ensure that DIA remains at the forefront of informing our Nation's security needs.

Very respectfully,

Mark,  
I hope you're doing  
well. The first chance I get,  
I plan on coming to see you.  
You're a trooper, have always  
been and we all remain  
inspired by your strength,  
your devotion to serve and  
your commitment. See you soon!  
Vt.  
Mike ☺

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